



Bad Publicity

for Arkansas

The Coal 'Peace'

One of The Star's valued subscribers, Mrs. T. S. McDavitt, sends us a handful of picture clippings from the Memphis Press-Scimitar for February 25 and 27. They are pictures of state and federal highways in eastern Arkansas — and they're pretty terrible.

They show patched-up roadbeds, rutted shoulders from which it would be impossible to get a car back on the highway without risking a wreck, narrow ditches in low country, poor drainage in high land — and bridges that are much narrower than the highway, an obvious highway hazard.

Mrs. McDavitt writes: We thought you'd be as interested as we were in the justly deserved publicity our bad roads are receiving.

It's all very sad and true. Memphis, of course, is particularly interested in seeing good roads maintained in eastern Arkansas, which trades with that city rather than Little Rock. But in justice to the Memphis Press-Scimitar almost any Arkansas will admit the highway condition it is reporting on exists uniformly throughout the state.

The Star has pounded the State Highway Department for many years on the lack of intelligent maintenance right here in our own southwestern section. Not only was the roadbed of U. S. 67 falling apart, but the shoulders between here and Texarkana got so bad and caused so many accidents and deaths that we publicly advised our people to stay off this section of the road in wet weather — particularly at night.

Justice requires that I say this lamentable condition was brought about long before the McMath administration took office. Personally I always thought the greatest damage occurred during the Lency administration — and I said so repeatedly in this column.

Some of our highway troubles are due to lack of money, but I believe more of them can be traced back to incompetent direction of maintenance. Water was allowed to get under our one-fine federal highway system — and when you let water get under a road you eventually lose it. The roadbed and its adjoining shoulders are like the roof of a house — if the roof leaks everything below is ruined.

My criticism covers many years and many governors. The fact is, when the original Martineau highway system was built about 1930 it was as fine as anything in America. That parts of it are obsolete today might be charged up to the lack of highway funds to build wholly new roads — but the fact that the whole system is close to utter destruction is due to either negligence or incompetence. You know what I mean — the business of tolerating the appointment to working highway jobs of men who know nothing at all about either roads or engineering.

Isn't it so?

We have an alleged peace in the coal mining industry, but John L. Lewis has won no real advantage for his men in that dying business — and the Truman administration has been exposed as a traveling medicine show peddling any political tonic that will pick up votes in the mass industries of the country.

There is no other explanation whatsoever for:

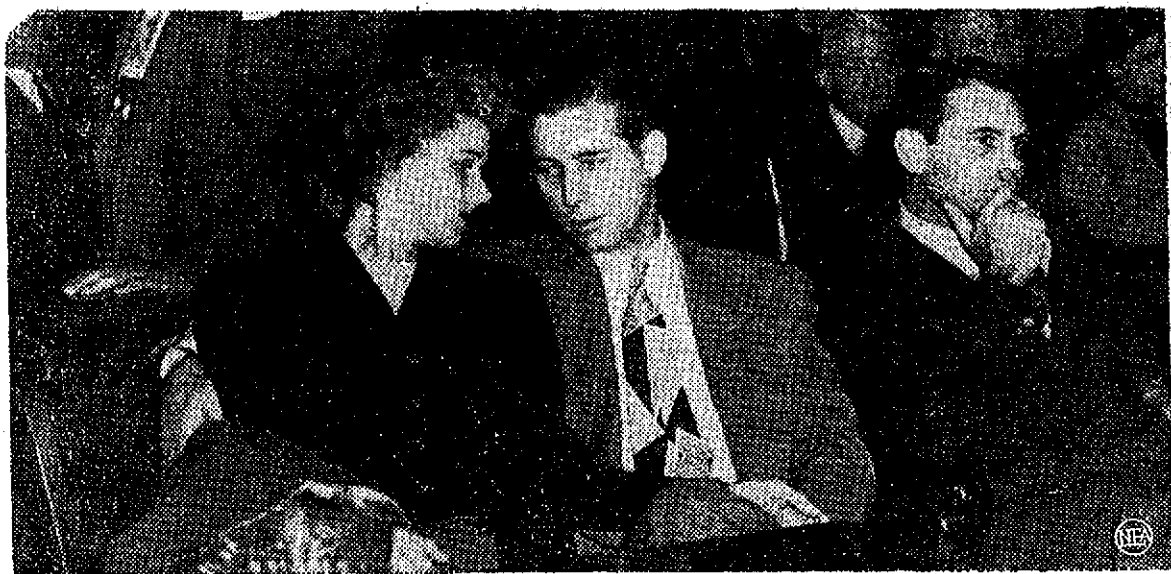
1. President Truman's refusal to move in on the coal crisis until both the steel and railroad industries were crippled, and

2. The obvious rigging of the Department of Justice's case in court so that the trial judge would have no alternative but to dismiss Lewis and the United Mine Workers of contempt charges. The very fact that none of the district union leaders were called into the case shows that the Department of Justice "pulled" its punch — for at the district level there was collusion, as anyone knows who is familiar with the coal fields.

In other words, the whole conduct of the mine controversy shows that the Truman administration was so bent on preserving votes for itself in political doubtful states that it let national industry get flat on its back before doing what the solemn oath of high office required that it do months ago — safeguard the interests of the people as a whole.

Now they will try to get more money for coal. But the chances are they will only manage to sell less coal — a lot less.

For the country isn't keen about further price rises — especially in our southwestern section, where the price of what we have to sell has leveled off or actually dropped. And it may be that despite all the manipulation Truman has lost more votes than he gained.



Bulgarians Force Confession From Shipkov

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 7 (AP) — Michael Shipkov, former Bulgarian translator in the U. S. legation here, confessed yesterday to a people's court that he had spied for America under the personal direction of former U. S. Minister Donald R. Heath.

The trial opened only two days after the U. S. state department had released a dramatic affidavit, signed earlier by Shipkov, revealing how Bulgarian police had extorted a false confession from him by ruthlessly breaking down his will. He had requested that the affidavit be made public in order to clear his name in the event of a trial, which he evidently felt was inevitable.

Taft Leads Steel Price Fixing Fight

Washington, March 7 (AP) — Senator Taft (R-Ohio) led a fight today against an administration move he said was pointed toward government price fixing for steel.

Taft told a reporter he and other Republican members are ready to introduce a bill to prohibit any price fixing in the steel industry.

Senator O'Mahoney (D. Who) called the committee together today to pass on the report. O'Mahoney denied flatly there is anything in it that even suggests price controls for steel.

On the other hand, Taft said two provisions in the report "call for committee studies that certainly point toward price fixing."

One of these provisions would recommend that before any steel price boost is put into effect, the steel companies should file a schedule of proposed price increases with appropriate government agencies.

McNab Doctor Charged With Narcotic Sales

Dr. James N. Mitchell, McNab Negro, was arraigned last Monday in the western district of federal court of Arkansas and charged with violating federal narcotics laws governing the sale of morphine.

Commissioner Thomas E. Weber fixed the doctor's bond at \$1000 and he was released immediately.

The information filed alleges that Dr. Mitchell violated the narcotics laws through an illegal sale of some eight one-quarter grains of morphine to another Hope doctor. This doctor is reportedly confined in a hospital at the present time.

A Negro man, described by U. S. Marshall Arlie Pittman and Sgt. J. H. Porterfield of Arkansas State Police, as an apparent innocent "go-between" was released to appear in court when the case comes up for trial.

Hope city officers T. L. Compton and Fred Johnson recovered the morphine. Dr. Mitchell was arrested in Hope where he maintains a part time office.

Posthumous Award for Brother of Local Man

A commendation for Capt. Joe Hubbard will be awarded posthumously to his wife, Mrs. Marjorie Hubbard of Bearden, at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 11, at Barksdale Field, Shreveport.

He was the brother of Horace Hubbard, instructor in Hope High school. Capt. Hubbard died suddenly last year in Baltimore. The family has also been informed that a school at Camp Holabird, in Baltimore, will be named for him. Dedication of the school will be held on March 30.

"LOVE BURGLAR" FOUND GUILTY — Dapper Fred Felix Adair, Jr., holds tightly to his wife's hand, just after a verdict of "guilty" was brought in at a Dallas, Texas, courtroom. Just after this photo was made Mrs. Adair broke down and sobbed as Felix was led away. At right is defense attorney Harvey Lindsey. Adair was accused of molesting many different women last summer in Dallas, where he gained his notorious name of "love burglar". (NEA Photo)

Annual Spring Style Show to Be Presented Wednesday, Thursday at the Saenger

Costello Not Likely to Lose Citizenship

Washington, March 7 (UP) — There is little likelihood that gambler Frank Costello will lose his citizenship, it was learned today. Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney said the Italian-born New Yorker could not be deported even if his naturalization was voided. He and others at the department believe that denaturalization is useless if it cannot be followed up by deportation.

Jap Warlord Now Eligible for Parole

Tokyo, March 7 (AP) — Mamoru Shigemitsu, one of Japan's major war criminals, today became eligible for parole under a new system set up by General MacArthur. Shigemitsu is a former Japanese ambassador to Russia and served as foreign minister at one time. He signed the surrender terms in Tokyo bay.

Shigemitsu was tried as a Class AAA war criminal along with Premier Hideki Tojo and Japan's other wartime leaders. He drew a seven year sentence.

Time off for good behavior, allowed under the new parole system, made him eligible today for parole.

45 Attend Meeting at Spring Hill

Approximately 45 persons attended a meeting last night at Spring Hill in which a "potato crop" plan and a watermelon festival were discussed.

Charles A. Armitage, manager of the Hope Chamber of Commerce, discussed the need of farm and city cooperation and Dorsey McRae, Jr., told the group of a committee's trip to Louisiana where they gathered first hand information on sweet potato production and marketing.

Paul McClellan, president of a Patmos civic organization, discussed SWAP's proposal for reorganizing the annual watermelon festival again this year. Details of the festival will be worked out by a board with 3 representatives from each community in Hempstead county.

The Spring Hill Committee includes Norman Jones, Roy Smith and Garland Kidd. The Patmos group is J. I. Leiblong, A. N. Rider and C. P. Jones. Hope's civic group includes Charles Wylio, Fred Ellis and T. S. Cornelius.

The next meeting will be held at Washington on March 13, and that town is expected to name its committee at that time.

Attending from Hope last night were Mr. Armitage and Mr. McRae, Kenneth Ambrose, Claud Sutton, Royce Weisenberger, Mr. Wylie and Chester Hunt.

Negro Masons Elect New Officers

New officers for the Hiram Lodge No. 14 AF & AM, were elected as follows:

H. L. Trent, WM; Enoch Poindester SW; S. D. Deloney JW; E. N. Glover Secretary; A. J. Parker treasurer; Orzo Barber SD; and S. T. Anderson JD.

African Prince With White Wife Accuses British

London, March 7 (AP) — Seretse Khama, prince of the African tribe of Bamangwato, has accused Britain of depriving him of his throne and ordering him and his white British wife into exile to appease government.

The Oxford-educated Negro, 27, the color-conscious South African who was chosen by his tribe to rule in the dusty British protectorate of Bechuanaland, said he was told yesterday he was not to return home without permission for five years.

At a news conference in his tiny London flat, Seretse said he had been advised to bring back his wife, the former London typist Ruth Williams whom he married in 1949, because she was a "disturbing influence in the territory." She is sitting to have their first child back in Serowe, the capital of his native land.

Bulletins

Little Rock, March 7 (AP) — The Arkansas Supreme court has been asked to require that all Arkansas lawyers become members of the Arkansas Bar association.

Lonoke, March 7 (AP) — Coroner Fred Berry has ruled a suicide the death of former State Senator W. K. Oldham, 52, who was shot to death in the office of his cotton gin here late yesterday.

Oldham served in the 1943 and 1945 legislatures as senator from Lonoke and Prairie counties.

His father, the late William K. Little Rock, March 7 (AP) — J. H. Carmichael, 82, widely known Little Rock lawyer, died here yesterday.

He was dean of the Arkansas Law school here when it was part of the University of Arkansas and continued as its dean after its separation from the university. Last year he was named dean emeritus.

Memphis, Tenn., March 7 (AP) — The Southern Safety association wound up its 11th annual convention here today, ending three days of talks, discussion and planning for fire and accident prevention in 14 states.

Washington, March 7 (AP) — The house passed a bill today to make Hawaii a state.

Last Friday, the house passed the Alaska statehood bill by a vote of 186 to 146.

Senate action on the two measures is uncertain. Two years ago, the senate interior committee allowed a house-passed Hawaiian statehood bill to die without action.

The Alaska bill has never before been considered in the senate.

Only a few house members opposed Hawaiian statehood during debate.

Funeral for Jim Henry Delayed

Funeral services for Jim Henry, former Hope man who was killed in an auto accident in Texas Sunday, have been postponed until 2 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Services were originally scheduled for today at 2 p.m. However a son will not be able to arrive in Hope until tonight, hence the postponement.

Representatives of the various garden clubs, composed of the Hope Federation, had the following

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Big 3 Meet of Ministers Appears Set

Washington, March 7 (AP) — A new meeting of the Western Big Three foreign ministers to plan cold war strategy seemed today to be a certainty.

The state department said the United States is willing, but officials forecast it may be two months before Secretary Acheson is ready for another conference with British Foreign Secretary Bevin and French Foreign Minister Schuman.

There was no hint from responsible officials that the state department has given any serious thought to making it a Big Four affair by inviting Russian Foreign Minister Vishinsky. That could come later, as was suggested by Schuman yesterday at Paris, if that a new approach to Russia holds any promise of success.

Plans for the first face to face meeting of the Western leaders since last September began to take shape yesterday, Schuman said before leaving for London that he would discuss arrangements with Bevin.

He predicted the foreign ministers would take up Far East problems including the Japanese peace treaty, relations with Communist China, support for Indochina and other Southeast Asia and, relations with Germany, and also the possibility of a Big Four meeting.

Acheson's aides have discussed a Big Three meeting informally among themselves. But as yet, there has been no talk about arrangements with the British and French, they said.

Doctor Says Injection 'Not Fatal'

Manchester, N. H., March 7 (AP) — A Harvard pathologist appearing for Dr. Hermann N. Sander testified today that injection of 40 cubic centimeters of air could not have killed Mrs. Abbie Borroto.

The 41-year-old Dr. Sander is on trial for murder on charges he killed the cancer-stricken woman by injecting that amount of air into her veins.

Dr. Richard Ford, head of the department of legal medicine at Harvard, testified that between 200 and 300 CCs of air delivered within 25 seconds would be required to kill a human being.

Dr. Ford said he was basing this estimate on findings that eight cubic centimeters per two and one-half pounds of body weight were required to kill a dog.

Yerger NFA to Hold Meet Here Tonight

Yerger chapter of the New Farmers of America will hold its semi-monthly meeting tonight at 7:30 at the school with President B. C. Allen presiding. W. E. Miller is local supervisor.



Photo—Skippy Bryan

ACTIVE ORGANIZATION — The recently organized Library Club of Oglesby Junior High is rapidly developing into the school's most active one. The group's current project is a special St. Patrick's Day Program and a king and queen will be selected to reign.

Pictured above are: back row l to r: Jack Keck, Buddy Jackson, Charles Halbert, Jimmy Wilson, John Whitlow. Front row, l to r: Emilie Elder, Barbara Lauterback, Patsy Calhoun, Dana Cunningham, Juanita Gilbert, Billie Baker. Mack Stone was absent. The 13-member club is sponsored by Miss Elsie Weisenberger.

In connection with the royal festivities the club will stage two plays on St. Patrick's Day, "Says Uncle" will feature the acting of Johnny Cox, Skippy Bryan, Bennie Edmiston, Albert Graves, Lyla Brown, Sandra Robins, Allie Mae Marlar.

"Gallopin' Grandma" will feature Don Ruggles, Sonny Griffin, Paula Raley, Carolyn Locke, Ralph Wiggins and C. C. Booth.

The royalty contestants are: Dana Lou Cunningham, John David Whitlow, Billie Jo Baker, Mack Stone, Emilie Elder, Charles Halbert, Juanita Gilbert, Jimmy Wilson, Patsy Calhoun Jack Keck, Barbara Lauterback and Buddy Jackson.

Man Gets Three Years for Shooting Nephew

Harrisburg, March 7 (AP) — A. M. (Gus) Smith has been sentenced to three years in prison for wounding his nephew, the city marshal of Marked Tree.

Smith pleaded guilty in Circuit court here yesterday to a charge of assault with intent to kill. He was accused of shooting Findley Smith when the latter attempted to arrest him for creating a disturbance in a Marked Tree coffee shop about a year ago.

Judith Coplon, Russian Found Guilty by Jury

New York, March 7 (AP) — Judith Coplon and Valentin A. Gubitchev, the Soviet engineer, were found guilty today of conspiracy and attempted espionage.

A federal court jury of six men and six women ruled that the former government employee and the stocky blond Russian met secretly in New York and plotted to spy for Soviet Russia.

It announced its verdict at 11:45 a. m. (EST) after having been sent out at 4:35 p. m. yesterday, locked up overnight.

Brunette, vivacious Miss Coplon, 28, was found guilty on two counts of espionage. She was found innocent of another charge that she attempted to transmit classified FBI documents to unauthorized persons.

Both she and Gubitchev, 33, were convicted on a conspiracy charge to commit espionage by removing classified documents from government files and to defraud the United States of her impartial services.

New York, March 7 (AP) — A federal grand jury today found Judith Coplon and Valentin Gubitchev guilty.

The federal court jury found the former government clerk and the Russian guilty of conspiracy, and attempted espionage at 11:45 a. m. (EST).

Lawyers Have 2 More Plans to Save Black

Little Rock, March 7 (AP) — Attorneys for Thomas E. Black today planned two legal moves in an effort to save the condemned slayer.

The lawyers said they would appeal to the Arkansas Supreme court from a lower court order denying a hearing on Black's present sanity. And they said in a separate action they would seek a new trial for Black on the basis of newly-discovered evidence.

Black is scheduled to die in the electric chair at Tucker prison farm Friday for the rape slaying of Betty Jane McCall, a Fort Roots Veterans hospital nurse, near here the night of Sept. 23, 1948.

The lawyers — W. H. Glover and Joe McCoy, both of Malvern — said also they would ask Governor McMath for a stay of sentence to allow them time to carry out their legal moves. McMath, however, pointed out that an appeal to the Supreme court would automatically stay execution.

Circuit Judge T. G. Parham at Pine Bluff yesterday afternoon refused to issue a writ of mandamus to force prison Supt. Lee Hendrix to conduct a jury hearing on Black's present sanity. Under Arkansas law an insane person may not be legally put to death.

It was from this refusal that the lawyers planned an appeal.

Fired Worker Kills His Former Boss

Little Rock, March 7 — A discharged employee killed a lumber company shipping clerk here yesterday. Then he shot himself after firing — either intentionally or accidentally — at a police officer.

Durward Miller, 41, the clerk, was struck down by a shotgun charge in his back as he worked at his desk in the Monarch Lumber company office.

Police said Miller's assailant was George Ferguson, 38-year-old Negro laborer, whom Miller had discharged last week.

Detective Sergeant Eugene Smith found Ferguson in the lumber yard adjoining the company office.

He said he ordered Ferguson to drop the shotgun he still carried. Instead the gun was fired once in Smith's direction, but the detective said it might have discharged accidentally.

Coal Production Speeds Toward Normalcy

Pittsburgh, March 7 (AP) — Coal production sped toward normalcy today in the wake of a month's soft-coal strike.

The coal poured in steady streams from towering mine piles into waiting gondolas and per cars that rushed them to the needy areas.

Nearly a third of the idle dies happily shouldered picks and shovels yesterday. The work return of the 372,000 striking United Mine Workers is expected to be virtually complete today.

Industries, hard hit by the shutdown, quickly threw off the imposed shackles.

Steel firms and railroad called thousands of the more than 225,000 workers idled by the walkout.

Wheeling Steel Corp. scheduled full-scale resumption of production as did other companies way restored dining cars, which was eliminated to conserve coal. The C. and O. will resume runs of three branch line trains Friday.

The interstate commerce commission decided to keep in its partial ban on coal-burning freight and passenger trains until carriers can build up depleted coal stocks.

New York joined other areas in cancelling conservation time. However, the nation's largest continued fuel rationing at time.

Mine protocol — the need to receive and then the official word of the strike — delayed work returns in some towns.

The UMW's biggest job, 2,400 members of the western Pennsylvania, returned to the pits at a meeting last night. Local leaders who had spearheaded the walkout summed up the day's going back with a "Hurrah!"

Coal and iron likely to be shipped to the West Coast, where Joseph Dickson, UMW leader who was suspended from local for calling John L. Lewis "dictator."

"I'm getting out of the Dickson, asserted, and under dictatorship — even to dig ditches."

The 28-year-old digger will press his appeal for reinstatement in the UMW, who show the men how to work.

Estimates of the costly ended Sunday by the signing a victorious contract for Lewis' United Mine Workers — from various sources.

Lewis' Gains to Be Used as a Lever

Washington, March 7 — Lewis' gains by John L. Lewis' miners may be used as a lever to open the way for wage boosts other industries.

That would suit Lewis, who led Mine Workers yesterday a multimillion dollar loan to the CIO United Auto Workers' concessions (7.0 m) Chrysler General Motors.

Lewis is the first big laborer to break through the deadlock by employers with government help to stop spiraling wages.

A board appointed by President Truman in the steel strike last fall recommended wage plan improvements worth about 10 cents an hour for workers, but counseled against raising pay rates.

On this basis CIO President ip Murray signed a steel contract without a wage increase, but with pensionwelfare worth perhaps a little less than 10 cents an hour, or around \$1 a day for each.

Now the determined Lewis along to deliver to his men tract improvements worth \$1.40 a day per man — not only an expensive bonus for the miners' welfare, but also a 70-cent-a-day boost.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Cloudy with showers in east, south this afternoon. Cold or tonight, Wednesday.

HALF-CENTURY HIGHLIGHTS



TOY THUMB GOLF—or miniature golf—was a fad that swept the country in 1929 and '30. Begun as a Chattanooga real estate man's private hobby, it caught on, mushroomed into big business and eventually came to be regarded as something of a social problem—because of the time it demanded of its addicts. Hazards on the pint-size course were limited only to the imagination of the builder. They ran the gamut of sticks, stones, bottles and hunks of tile to growing plants and even live animals—for example, this brown bear on a course in Los Angeles. In late 1930, there were 30,000 courses in operation, many of which survive today. In the history of American fads—mah jong, the yo-yo top, goldfish-swallowing, Canasta—miniature golf occupies a secure niche.



BOAT RIDERS IN THE SKY—Rainwater on the roof of their five-story clubhouse gave these members of the Madison Square Boys' Club a chance to try out one of the rowboats used at the club's summer camp. It also gave the photographer an unusual shot of a water sport taken against the skyscraper background of water-short New York.

There Is Logic in Believing That the So-Called 'Class' Differences Can Be Settled

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
AP: Foreign Affairs Analyst

Those who hold that this funny old world of ours is doomed because of "class warfare" and the clash of ideologies, might get comfort from the drama of the British parliament opening yesterday in London.

Thousands of Britons—rich and poor, aristocrat and little man—lined the route to cheer the royal procession from Buckingham palace to Westminster. Just as in days long gone the king and queen rode in their wondrous horse-drawn golden coach, escorted by scarlet-uniformed household cavalry. State landaus followed with dignitaries. Guns roared a royal salute from St. James park.

Lords in scarlet and crimson robes and richly appareled peeresses filled the august house of lords chamber awaiting their majesties. The members of the house of commons were in their galleries. The envoys of many nations filled the diplomatic boxes.

And what is the significance of all this modish pomp, splendor and socialism? To me it means that, with reasonable give and take, the so-called "class" differences can be worked out reasonably and amicably if the goodwill is present.

The alternative to that is regimentation of humanity.

Incongruous? Well, odd to say the least. However, that's not the whole story. Sitting in the gallery with the Laborites (Socialists), in almost equal numbers, were the members of the Conservative party, headed by the famous war time prime minister, Winston Churchill.

In theory these Conservatives are representatives of the "upper classes," but when we stop to check we find that it was the self same Conservatives who, when in power, laid the foundations for the "welfare state." They are the ones who imposed such taxation that they virtually wiped out the landed aristocracy—and more than a few members of parliament belonged to that class. Already the Conservatives were operating "left of center."

Then as the war was drawing to a close the country in a general election decided to try the paces of the Labor (or Socialist) party. So the Socialists came to power and immediately started in on a program of nationalization of industry. They swung much further to the left politically than the Conservatives had been.

Even Though You Live in An 'In-Between' Generation It Can Be Lots of Fun

By HAL BOYLE

New York —(AP)—Are you confused? Don't you know which way to turn? Does life have you puzzled, uncertain and doubtful?

Well, cheer up. It isn't your fault. You are just an unfortunate victim of history, a member of what will be known as "the in-between generation."

This is the generation which, when young, was taught that it had to do things for itself. But this same generation, now at maturity, finds that machines have been developed to do most of these things for it. So, naturally, it doesn't know what to do with itself.

It is the real lost generation. It no longer trusts itself, and it is too old and wary to put its faith blindly in machines.

I think the generation coming up—or the one after it, perhaps—will be the lucky generation. It will be geared from birth to adjust itself to the machine.

Right now the trouble is there are too many machines. Middle-aged people just can't understand and please all the machines that surround them—typewriters, no-fur cars, electric razors, vacuum cleaners and dishwashers, radios, three-speed phonographs, television sets. And there is also a spreading wilderness of coin-vending machines that will do everything from tell their fortunes to shine their shoes.

All this turmoil will dissolve, however, when science perfects a single, all-purpose machine that will do anything and everything you ask it. This magic machine "little do-it-all" will be a wedding of the present coin vending machine and the electronic brain. It will occupy three-fourths of the living room of the house of the future, and a new type of modern people will emerge to use it.

There will no longer be any need to leave the home. In the morning you just tune in the boss on "little do-it-all's" television attachment, and he tells you what he wants down. So you mark up a card, put the card and a quarter in the machine, a few gears grind and out comes your day's work, neatly filed.

You throw your dirty dishes in one end of "little do-it-all," and they come out clean and dry from the other end. But there won't be many dirty dishes, as the machine will serve you food in paper containers. It will also play you a chess game for a dime, give you Bing Crosby or sew a button on your pajamas.

What will people of the future be like? Well, they'll have no need to walk, so they'll just sit in wheelchairs all day in front of "little do-it-all." The only muscles they'll require are a strong right arm to pull nickels, dimes and quarters out of a huge pocket full of coins to keep the machine operating.

Naturally, since everything will be done by television, they'll need double-duty, over-size eyeballs. Those who can't develop the eyeballs are just going to disappear.

If you're sick, why call a doctor? Put your symptoms on a card, and "little do-it-all" will grind out a prescription and fill it for you. Feel mentally depressed? Just write it down for the machine—he'll punch you out a better answer than Freud.

The danger I see in "little do-it-all" is that some wag may build a sense of humor into him. Any machine that acts as a psychiatrist for people might take to playing

had promised before election. Prime Minister Attlee, having read the writing on the wall, decided to drop all that, except for steel, which has already been approved by parliament. This move, by the way, may win him some support from the nine Liberal members of commons.

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pranks to show his steely contempt for soft human beings. Ask him "what shall I do with myself, I feel so useless?" and "little do-it-all" is likely to reply, "Jump out the window, pal."

And as you hit the pavement below the last thing you'll hear is a well-geared laugh from the machine, as it gulps your final quarter.

Sometimes, looking ahead, I don't mind at all being one of the "in-between generation." It is still fun to do a few things for yourself.

Did the Coal Miners Really Win Anything?

By AMES MARLOW

Washington, March 7 —(AP)—There's no pat answer to this one: How much pay did the coal miners lose by their lay-offs? And how long will it take them now, with the increase they won, to catch up?

There's no pat answer simply because miners are not people who always, except when striking, work a 5-day week, 52 weeks a year.

They've been away from the pits about 100 working days since last June 30 when their contract ended because they went on two full strikes and for many weeks, on union orders, worked only three days a week.

But this doesn't mean they would have worked those 100 days if there had been no dispute with the mine owners.

The miners' picture is not that cut and dried. President Truman and a number of senators have said the coal industry is sick. An operator spokesman denies it.

The demand for coal has gone down. More and more home owners and businesses have turned to oil and gas. For example:

In 1944, the peak of wartime travel, the railroads used 132,000,000 tons of coal. Rail travel has decreased since then and the roads have bought increasing numbers of oil-driven engines. In 1948 they used 90 million tons.

At the same time, because of technical improvements, a miner can turn out more coal than he used to.

In 1936 a miner produced an average of 4 1/2 tons a day. Now he can produce nearly seven tons.

So, while the demand for coal drops, the miner's ability to meet the demand has increased. He can produce more in shorter time.

If a miner worked five days a week, 52 weeks a year, he'd work 260 days a year. Actually, the number of his work days has been decreasing.

His average number of working days a year is edging down to the neighborhood of 200 a year. Example:

In 1936 — 199 days; 1938 — 193 days; 1939 — 199 days; 1937 — 193 days.

Europe's war started—178 days; 1940, when our defense program got started—202 days.

The miner's working days increased then to a peak of 278 in 1944, which was the peak of the war effort. Then: In 1945—261; 1946, when big strikes in other industries cut down coal demands—214; 1947—when industry picked up and we sent a lot of coal to Europe—234 days; in 1948, when Europe's need for coal dropped off—217 days. There are no exact figures for 1949.

So, instead of working five days a week for 52 weeks, the miners, with their 217 work days in 1948, worked only about 43 five-day weeks.

At that rate if they worked five days one week, three another, two another, for 52 weeks they could wind up with the equivalent 43-five-day weeks of work.

Since last June 30, because of their dispute with the mine owners, the miners have worked many three-day weeks and then no weeks at all when they went on full

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THE STORY: After Azalea Palmer found her father with his skull crushed by a desk telephone in his threat, police learn of a quarrel between the victim and Azalea's fiancé, the sculptor Paul Moody. Azalea's father, the wealthy Wendell Palmer, broke up his daughter's romance with the artist, and he also vetoed a compilation that would give Moody fame for a statue group on a new building. Police detective James Stivers has found fingerprints on the telephone, used as the murder weapon, and he has set out in company with Peter Kelso, another police detective, to search Paul's studio for further prints.

VIII

DETECTIVES JAMES STIVERS and Peter Kelso reached Paul Moody's studio as fast as the police car could whisk them through crowded streets where all traffic stopped dead or pulled to the curb as the walls of the oncoming siren pierced the air.

The studio was part of an old warehouse with one room large enough and high enough of ceiling to house the big and little sculptures Paul Moody had turned out, or was working on, or dreaming of.

Alongside and above were his modestly furnished living quarters. The reception room was merely a corner of the workshop with a big rug, a divan, chairs, the necessary small bar, and a few other comforts for his visitors, clients, or models.

As the invaders from the police department expected, Paul was not at home, and there was some difficulty in finding the arthritic old caretaker. He made still more difficulty about admitting strangers even though Peter Kelso flashed his badge.

The suggestion that Paul Moody was wanted for a murder sent the old man into a fit of cackling laughter at the idiosyncy of the police and Kelso's particular nonsense in imagining that Mr. Moody could

possibly have killed anybody.

The caretaker was too ancient and too feeble to be handled roughly even by Kelso, who was afraid the old man might fall apart if shaken vigorously. It was Stivers who finally ended the trouble when he said:

"If you're so sure your boss is innocent you ought to be glad to have it proved by scientific methods. I promise you we won't break a thing, shift a thing, or steal a thing."

At last the old man admitted them. He showed a disposition to stand guard over the treasures, but he had other tasks and reluctantly left, shaking a tremendous fist at Kelso and cackling:

"If you mess anything up, I'll pull your head off and throw it in your face."

EVEN to men whose business it was to visit gruesome scenes or the haunts of greivous people, there was something uncanny, occult in the great studio.

Though empty of all life but their own, it was peopled, almost forested, by finished and unfinished images of men, women, children, in marble, bronze or oiled clay. And somehow they seemed more alive than living people.

A great horse was only half released from the mass of modeling clay that held his hindquarters in a huge unfinished block. A panther seemed to be straining in ferocious agony to writhe out of the imprisonment of incompleteness. Every emotion seemed to be alert here, laughter, sorrow, love, hate, yearning.

Among the humans there were the heads of old, old men and women, and of children so pretty and so gay that one felt they could not really be good art. They were too human for that.

The big model of a group for the National Electric Building had a funeral meaning since it would never be finished and it had already led its creator into the toils of justice.

Stivers recognized the meditation of Azalea Palmer by its beauty and its aliveness. A pang woke in his heart for her. He had held her hands in his and had looked into her pitifully pathetic and bewildered eyes.

But Kelso was drawn more to the figures of nude or half-draped women. In that field, he gloatingly boasted to Stivers, he was a "connoisseur." As he pronounced the word it sounded more like "corner sewer," and Stivers grunted that he was probably right.

Stivers knew that Kelso had been attached to the vice squad, and he wondered how much longer its sickening corruptions could be concealed from the public.

Stivers had heard the name of one particularly zealous "fallen woman," Nelda Croft, linked with that of Peter Kelso. She was a great one for compromising rich men and making them poorer, and there had been whispers or grunts—that Kelso had engineered some of her shake-downs.

THE thought flashed into Stivers' mind: "Maybe Kelso is sore because Paul Moody bumped off old Wendell Palmer before he and Nelda could shake the old man down."

Then he reminded himself that all this was none of his business. His business was to collect the fingerprints of Paul Moody, and he could see that there was no end to them.

There would be the prints of other people, too: guests, models, the caretakers; but on the unfinished clay statue in front of him he felt sure that there must be the sculptor's prints and no other.

There were balls of damp clay that Paul had kneaded before stuffing them into their places in the armatures. There were soft spots where one palm had rested while the other hand was busy with its magic.

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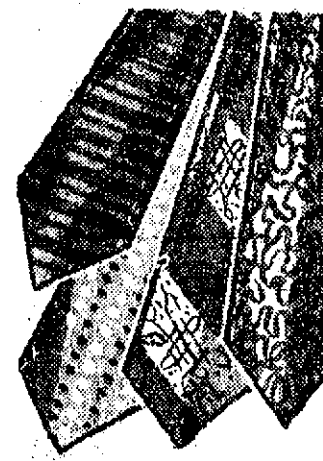
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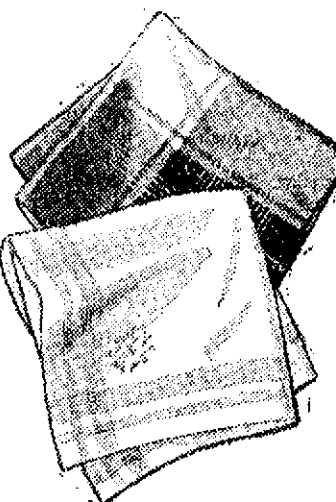
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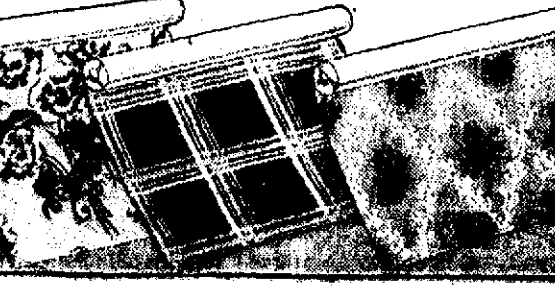
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Wednesday, March 8

The PTA executive board of Hope High school will meet Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. and all members are urged to attend.

The Paisley PTA will meet at 3 p.m. at the school auditorium Wednesday, March 8. The Executive committee will meet at 2:30 p.m.

The Garland School PTA will meet at the school at 3 p.m. Wednesday. The Executive meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. The school children under the direction of Mrs. B. C. Hyatt will present a musical program. All parents are urged to attend.

Girl Scout Troop 7 will meet at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday at the home of the leader, Mrs. William Routon, 1203 West 7th st.

John Cain chapter of DAR will meet at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the private dining room of Hotel Barlow. Hostesses will be Mrs. Ralph Burton of Lewisville, Mrs. R. E. Cain, and Mrs. Herbert Lewellen. Mrs. J. A. Haynes will be in charge of the program.

The Brookwood PTA will meet at the school at 3 p.m. Wednesday. The executive board will meet at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

The fourth study discussion of the Hope High school PTA will be given under the direction of Mrs. H. L. Hancan Thursday at 2:15 p.m. in the Home Ec cottage. At 3:15 p.m. the group will be dismissed for the regular PTA meeting which will follow at 3:30 p.m.

At 3:30 Thursday, March 9, the Hope High school PTA will meet at the high school for its regular monthly meeting. New officers will be elected for the 1930-31 school year. Mrs. Claude Tillery president and the nominating committee for the officers urge every

parent to be present.

The regular monthly dinner meeting of the Hope Business & Professional Womens club will be held at Hotel Barlow at 7 o'clock Thursday. A special program has been arranged and all members are urged to attend.

YWA Meets Monday Night

The Y W. A. met at six o'clock Monday night at First Baptist church for their regular monthly meeting. The program opened with the song "O Zion Haste" followed by the members recapping the YWA watchword Miss Marjorie Russell led the group in the opening prayer. Miss Margaret Blake, presided during the business session. Committee reports were given and the community mission chairman reported that the mission for this month was "Visitation".

Miss Jo Ann Burroughs presented the program on "Am I My Brother's Keeper". Those taking parts on the program were Misses Viva Ed Thrash, Marietta Downs, Kathleen Walker, Margaret Blake, and Betty Martin. Mrs. James E. Birkhead, gave an interesting devotional. There were ten members present and the meeting was closed with sentence prayers.

Montgomery-Brown Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Montgomery of Lewisville announces the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ina Jean, to Barry W. Brown, both of this city. Mr. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Brown of Hope. The wedding will be an event of Sunday, afternoon, April ninth at four thirty o'clock in the First Baptist church with the Reverend S. A. Whitlow officiating. Miss Montgomery attended Hope High school. She is employed with the PMA office in Hope. Mr. Brown also attended Hope High school and is affiliated with A. D.

Middlebrooks Grocery in Hope.

Circle One Meets With Mrs. Graham Circle one of the Women of the First Christian church met at the home of Mrs. Ernest Graham on Highway 67 east Monday afternoon. After a short business session, Mrs. H. C. Whitworth, presented the program.

Mrs. Graham played "The Rosary" on the organ followed by the devotional on "Forgiveness" by Mrs. D. J. Camp. Mrs. C. S. Lowethorpe told of Latin American Missions. Mrs. W. M. Stroud read an interesting paper on "Student Faith". The meeting was closed with the benediction.

The hostess served a delightful salad plate to 12 members and one guest, Mrs. L. B. Sparks.

Mrs. Henry Hitt Presents Program at Circle Meet

Circle One of the WSCS of the First Methodist church held their regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. J. M. Houston with Mrs. R. E. Cain co hostess. Mrs. Albert Graves, leader of the circle opened the meeting with prayer and presided during the business session.

Mrs. Henry Hitt, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Tom Purvis who sang a beautiful solo "Holy, Holy, Holy". Mrs. W. G. Allison gave an inspiring devotional from Psalm 67; verses 5 and 6. Mrs. O. A. Graves told about "Papani, Yesterday and Today", and Miss Clarice Cannon told about "Japan - Today and Tomorrow". Mrs. Mary McPherson displayed articles and pictures on Japan, recently sent to her by her daughter who is now living in Japan. The hostess served a refreshing fruit salad tea and cookies to 20 members and one guest, Mrs. Ethel Davis of Los Angeles, Cal.

Circle Four WSCS Meets Monday

Mrs. Rob Jones, Mrs. H. P. Robertson, Sr. and Mrs. Syvle Burke were hostesses to Circle four of the W. S. C. S. of the First Methodist church at 3 p.m. Monday at the home of Mrs. Jones. Mrs. P. H. Webb, circle chairman, heard reports from committees and other business was discussed at that time. The program chairman, Mrs. Guy Card, presented the following members on program: Mrs. J. M. Harbin and Mrs. P. H. Webb discussed Japan of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. A delicious dessert plate was served to 14 members and two guests, Mrs. C. H. Brooks and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton.

Violet Ross Is Bride of William W. Brooks Miss Mary Violet Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Earl Ross of this city, became the bride of William Waller Brooks of Evansville, Indiana, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Taylor Brooks of Elvins, at the Unity Baptist church at six o'clock Monday evening, March 6. The Reverend Howard White,



PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER, THEY SPELL MOTHER-The Italian weekly magazine "l'Incom" featured on its front cover this "exclusive" scene showing Ingrid Bergman, a baby, Roberto Rossellini, the nurse and the doctor who attended the birth of Ingrid's baby son at the Villa Margherita clinic in Rome. On an inside page, the magazine explained that since it was "truly impossible" to take such a picture of Ingrid, Rossellini and son, they had pasted this one together from separate photos of the principals.

pastor of the church read the impressive double ring ceremony. The church was decorated with floor baskets of white gladioli, huckleberry fern, and lighted tapers in seven branched candelabra.

Proceeding the ceremony, nuptial music was played by Miss Agnes Park of Conway and Miss Colleen Coffee, soloist sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because". Miss Park played the traditional wedding marches as processional and recessional. Miss Coffee was attired in a navy suit with navy accessories and a corsage of yellow carnations and Miss Park wore a navy crepe dress with navy accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

The candles were lighted by Mrs. Sam Huckabee of Hope and Mrs. Jack Butler of Shreveport, La. They wore afternoon dresses of pearl pink faille with hair ornaments of white carnations. The bride, given in marriage by her father, was becomingly attired in a white silk jersey dress fashioned with a V-yoke, and cap sleeves. She wore long white gloves, and a bandeau of white carnations fastened to a shoulder length veil of white meline. She carried a white Bible topped with

a purple throated orchid showered with white feathered carnations. Mrs. Homer Glenn White was matron of honor. She wore a Madeira Rose satin dress with a pink carnation hat with blue meline veil, and gray accessories. She carried pink carnations on blue satin leaves.

Homer Glenn White cousin of the bridegroom, served as best man. Ushers were: Harrison and Delvin Ross, brothers of the bride. Mrs. Ross' chose for her daughters wedding a gray faille dress with black accessories and a corsage of pale pink carnations. Mrs. Brooks, mother of the bridegroom wore a grey crepe dress with navy accessories and a shoulder corsage of deep pink carnations. Mrs. Mary Puirnan, grandmother of the bride wore blue crepe with black accessories and a corsage of white carnations.

Immediately after the ceremony, the couple left for a wedding trip after which they will be at home in Evansville, Indiana. For traveling the bride chose a Tahiti blue wool gabardine suit with button detail and a boxy jacket with navy blue accessories. She pinned the orchid from her bouquet at her shoulder. Out of town guests at the wedding included: Miss Ruby Lee Duran of Malta, Tex., Mrs. Herman Fitzgerald of Texarkana, Delvin Ross of HSTC, Arkadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Franks and Miss Billie Franks of Magnolia, Mrs. Jack Butler of Shreveport, Miss Agnes Park of Conway, Mr. and Mrs. Tollett Taylor and Mrs. Bama White of Elvins.

Coming and Going

Miss Betty Ann Benson of HSTC, Arkadelphia, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Benson here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tolleson, Sr. and Mrs. Ben McRae and daughter, Gail spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Tolleson in Kirby and visited Narrows Dam.

W. O. Washburn of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. arrived in Hope last night for a visit with his son, Alex L. Washburn, 709 South Main street, publisher of The Star. Mr. Washburn visited here previously in 1947.

Russell Porter of the University of Oklahoma and his guests of popularity, the most attractive and fascinating girl I have ever known was one who on first acquaintance was as ugly as the proverbial mud fence, but her delightful manners and interesting conversation gained her ardent admirers. She had suitors galore and selected a husband who climbed to the top.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Benson and family and Miss Jeanie McPherson spent Sunday at Nimrod Dam near Petit Jean mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mariot and children, Gina and Bill and Mr. and Mrs. George Fite of Dallas were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Hogue and Mrs. Louella Mariot.

W. C. Tolleson, Sr. arrived in Texarkana Sunday morning by plane from Fort Lauderdale, Venezuela, to join Mrs. Tolleson in residence here.

Mrs. Herman Fitzgerald of Texarkana spent Monday with her sister, Mrs. Jennings Cox and sons, and attended the Ross-Brooks wedding Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Franks and daughter Billie of Magnolia attended the Ross-Brooks wedding at the Unity Baptist church Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Payne had as Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Payne and son, Gary of Nashville, Ark. and Mr. and Mrs. H.

DOROTHY DIX Lifelong Devotion

Dear Miss Dix: Do you think a man and woman after being married thirty years can still be in love with each other? I married a lovely girl, pretty, affectionate, fine principled, everything a man should want, yet I do not love her, although she has been the finest wife, and mother there could possibly be. The only reason we stick together is the duty to our children. I admit I have not taken her out as many husbands do their wives, nor paid her much attention, and, although she never says so, I think she just tolerates me for duty's sake. Why is this?

A MAN

Answer: Of course, a man and woman can still be in love with each other after they have been married thirty years. Time kills a feeble love, but it strengthens a great love, and there are thousands upon thousands of husbands and wives who grow more and more devoted to each other the longer they live together. During the passage of the years they have become all in all to each other and they are absolutely necessary to each other. Each has found in the other so much of goodness, so much of sweetness, so much of tenderness and loyalty that they admire each other far more than they did in their courtship days.

Must Be Nourished But love is like everything else in the world that is worth having. It has to be cared for. It has to be nourished. You have to keep on feeding it if you want to keep it alive.

For a husband and wife to keep in love with each other they must make a conscious effort to keep love alive. They must keep themselves personally attractive and they must make themselves agreeable to each other. They must be pleasant to live with. And, above all, a husband and wife who keep in love must not only keep themselves interesting but must make life interesting to the other. They must cultivate companionship and continually feed the fire of their affection with endearments.

Dear Dorothy Dix: Which is the easier path to success for a man - married or single? I have been ambitious through life to do something more than live comfortably with a wife. I am happily married to a good woman, but supporting a family keeps the nose to the grindstone, so to speak, and leaves precious little time or money for promotion in other fields.

HUSBAND

Answer: You remember that Kipling says: "He travels the fastest who travels alone," and on the face of it that would seem to be true. The average man who marries when he is young does put a load upon his back that handicaps him in shinning up the ladder of success. He is tied to his job and dares not give up a poor one on the chance of getting a better one. He is not free to move about as the bachelor is. It takes all he can possibly make to support his family in any sort of decent comfort, so he cannot lay aside the money that is the golden key that so often unlocks the door to opportunity.

But we must consider the fact that nearly every successful man's best work is done after he is married, and that few men ever really settle down to an earnest pursuit of a career until after he has a wife to support.

Likewise, we must take into consideration the power of love, and that nothing puts courage into a man's heart and strength into his arms like wanting to get things for some woman, or to achieve things for her sake so that she will be proud of him. A wife can be an inspiration as well as a hindrance. She can brace a man up to do the best that is in him. She can make friends for him, and she can be a press guest. So whether it is better for an ambitious man to marry or stay single depends upon the mind of a woman he marries.

Dear Miss Dix: Speaking of popularity, the most attractive and fascinating girl I have ever known was one who on first acquaintance was as ugly as the proverbial mud fence, but her delightful manners and interesting conversation gained her ardent admirers. She had suitors galore and selected a husband who climbed to the top.

Answer: You are right, Old-Timer. Women who have what Barrie calls that "damned charm" don't need to have beauty. They have a far more potent spell to conjure with and one that never passes. The homely woman who is

fascinating is the most fascinating woman in the world. And that should be a comfort to girls who are not naturally easy on the eyes. (Released by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

850 Acres Timber Burned

Little Rock, March 6 - (AP) - Approximately 850 acres of Arkansas timber was burned in 100 fires scattered over the state yesterday, assistant State Forester R. M. Henry said today. Bulk of the fires were located in the Mountain View and Salem areas in the northern part of the state.

Head hunting is said to have been practiced in the British Isles up to the end of the Middle Ages. Humming birds almost invariably

Believes Sweep of Religion Can Lead to World Peace

Jackson, Miss., March 7 - (AP) - Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, believes the marathon prayer meetings at three colleges recently may lead to something that will turn the tide of world affairs.

Dr. Johnson, nominal head of the World Baptist church, said in an interview here yesterday that the West-East tension is "a race between communism and Christianity."

He said it looks out of the question for "such a simple thing as Christianity" to stand up against communism. "But," he said, "it always has been that way."

Dr. Johnson said the atom and hydrogen bombs now hang over our lives and may turn the people to a great religious revival. Southern Baptist conventions are holding simultaneous prayer meetings and revivals this year.

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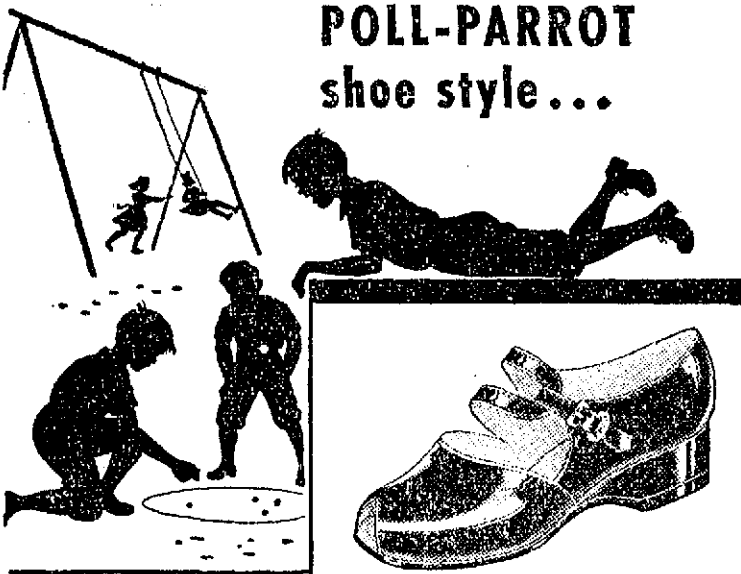
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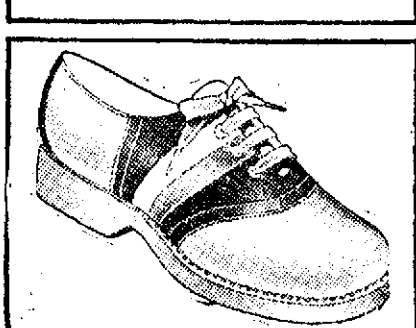


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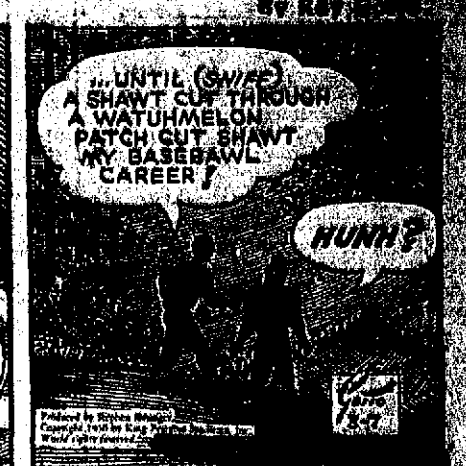
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Lebrun, Twice President of France, Dies

Paris, March 6 —(UP)—Albert Lebrun, 78, one-time farmboy who twice was elected president of France, died today of pneumonia.

Death came at 7:30 a. m. Paris time in his home here.

He had been in retirement since 1944.

Lebrun had been seriously ill his home for the last 10 days.

He is survived by a son, Jean Lebrun, and a married daughter, Mme. Jean Freyssinard.

Lebrun was one of the few statesmen ever to be elected president of France twice. But he did not finish his second term because the Germans interned him in 1943. Since the war, he has spent much of his time in a Paris nursing home.

Lebrun, who was born of peasant stock in the village of Mercy-Le-Haut in Lorraine on Aug. 20, 1871, was educated for a military career. But he gave up soldiering to become an engineer and later a statesman.

He was elected to parliament in 1900 and rose rapidly as a political figure. By 1908 he was secretary of the chamber of deputies and seven years later he was named vice president of the chamber.

In 1911 he joined the cabinet when Premier Joseph Caillaux appointed him minister of colonies.

Later he served as minister in governments headed by Raymond Poincaré and Georges Clemenceau.

After the first world war he was elected to the senate and the upper house of the French parliament. He became vice president of the senate in 1928. And president in 1931.

He succeeded to the presidency of the third republic a year later on the death of Paul Doumer.

Violence Hits Snuff Co. Strike

Memphis, Tenn., March 6 —(AP)—The tense, bitter strike at the American Snuff company here put extra police on downtown streets today to curb flaring tempers and flying fists.

The walkout, which started Jan. 13, entered a new phase last night when leaders of the CIO United Steelworkers of America asked members of other CIO unions to turn out in force to "protect" women strikers.

Carl Crowder, steelworkers' district representative, told a mass meeting the women had been pushed around by a company "goon squad" made up of salesmen recalled from their districts. Crowder told the packed meeting hall: "I challenge the police to stay away and I will assure the police department, as far as we are concerned, that there will be no violence."

He said he couldn't speak for the company "goon squad." And speaker after speaker said any show of force would be met with force.

The strike — already marked by scattered fist fights, hair-pullings and court skirmishes — was called to back demands for a new contract setting higher wages and other concessions.

Twenty-two strikers were recently convicted of contempt of court when the company charged they ignored a temporary injunction which barred them from mass picketing, violence and blocking plant entrances.

Some 60 strikers have been arrested since the walkout started, bringing union charges that the police department favored the company.

Husband Questioned About Death of His Wife

Tigerton, Wis., March 6 —(AP)—Shawano county authorities today planned to continue questioning the estranged husband of a 39-year-old woman whose body, clad in pajamas, was found on her front porch Sunday with a butcher knife through the heart.

Sheriff Hugo Baker said the body of Mrs. Myra Ferry was discovered by a neighbor, can Sambs, who had missed Mrs. Ferry at church services.

Walter Ferry, 34, was taken in for questioning at Marion, Wis., and brought to Shawano. Sheriff Baker said no charges had been filed.

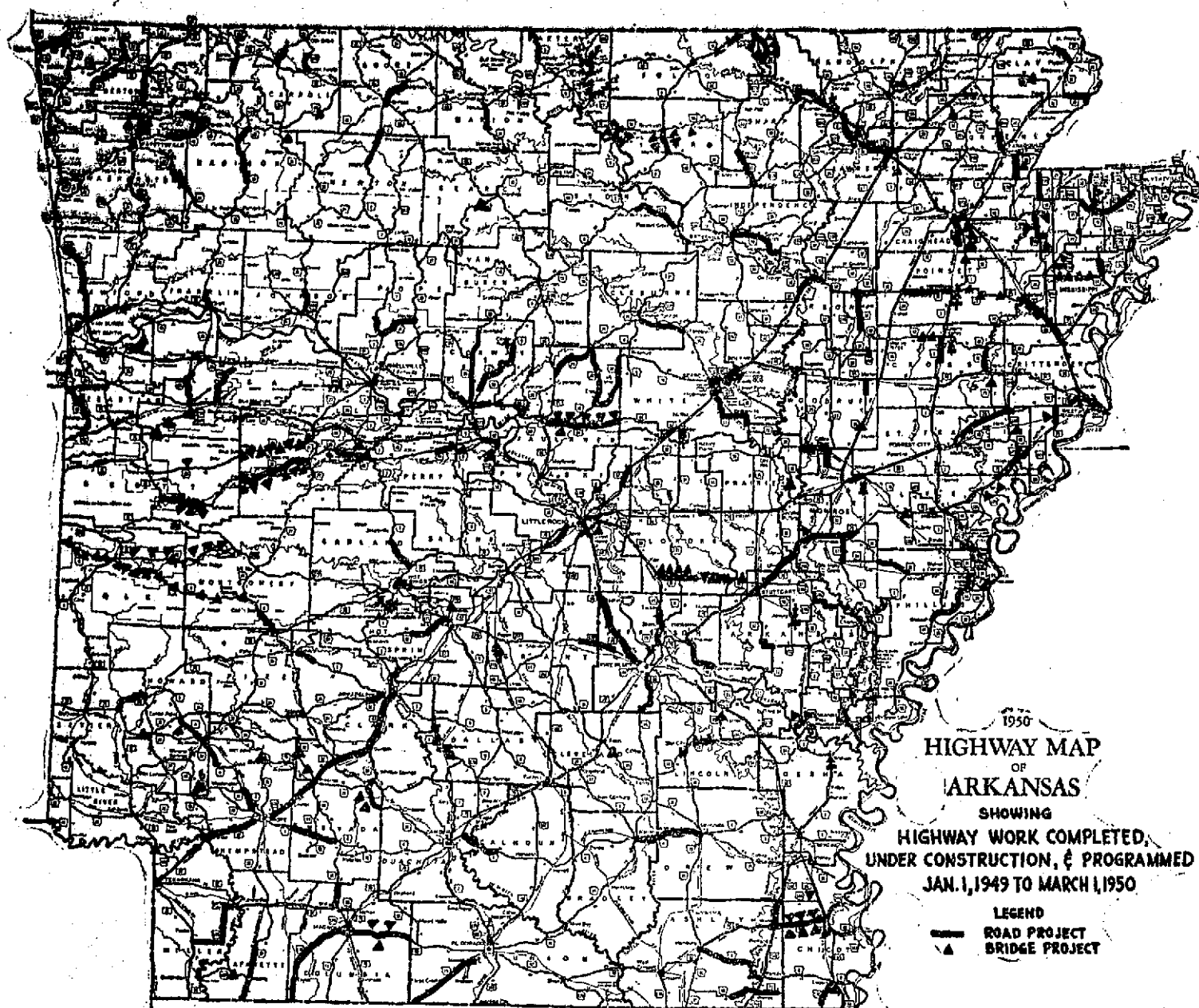
Mrs. Ferry lived with her father, Frank Ruppenthal, who had gone

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ARKANSAS' FOUR YEAR ROAD PROGRAM MOVES FORWARD



The above map indicates highway work completed, projects under construction, and newly programmed projects under the present state administration. The state highway commission emphasized the newly programmed work was not necessarily complete and represented only that proposed as of March 1. Concentrated efforts on "new construction" will highlight the program for 1950. In their report to the Governor, the commission expressed "satisfaction" with the progress of the over-all, four-year, \$80,000,000 dollar road program. The commission stressed that during 1949, concentration was on "maintenance," the 1950 mission is "NEW ROADS—as rapidly as they can be built."

Study Ways to Deal With Coal Strikes

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

Washington, March 6 —(AP)—The emphasis on coal legislation shifted in congress today to the study commission which President Truman wants set up to find a way to lasting peace in the mining industry.

The switch from last week's drive for enactment of a mine seizure bill was caused by the signing of a strike-ending contract by John L. Lewis and the soft coal operators.

Some lawmakers, however, still demanded passage of a standby measure which would give the government authority to take over the coal mines in any future crisis.

Senator Capehart (R-Ind.), for example, told a reporter:

"I am for passing a seizure bill or any other kind of legislation that will keep one man, Lewis by name, from paralyzing the nation. Settlement or not, I am still for that."

The senate labor committee arranged another behind-closed-doors meeting to discuss the mine seizure bill which Mr. Truman sent to congress last Friday.

Senator Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah), the committee chairman, predicted in advance of the session that the group would scrap the bill because of the agreement reached between the miners and the operators.

"The bill was offered to deal with a specific crisis which now has passed," Thomas said, "our job is done, I would say."

The house labor committee closed the seizure bill Saturday evening on the heels of the announcement Friday night that the United Mine Workers and the operators had reached a preliminary agreement which blossomed into a contract late yesterday.

Mr. Truman had let it be known even before the contract was signed that he would not press for action on the seizure bill because of the prospect of a settlement.

The President also sent out word that he does want congress to act on his proposal to create an inquiry commission to diagnose and prescribe for what he called the economic illness of the coal industry.

In his special message Friday, Mr. Truman said legislation to establish such a commission would reach the capital soon. Speedy action on the measure appears to be assured.

Senator Murray (D-Mont) called the President's plan an excellent one. Murray said he had not heard a word of opposition to it in congress.

An operator spokesman denied, however, that the industry is a "sick" one. Senator Humphrey (D-Minn) praised the proposal. He predicted it will clear congress without any trouble.

The dominance of armored knights in warfare was broken when the leaders of French chivalry were slaughtered by British bowmen at Crecy in 1346.

to Milwaukee for a visit on Saturday.

Officers summoned by Miss Sambs found a telephone pulled out from the wall, with broken dishes and overturned furniture littering the house.



DISK JOCKEY—The chief coachman of Buckingham Palace prepares to play march music to accustom Cunningham, one of the royal horses, to the stirring airs that will mark formal parade to the opening of British Parliament March 6.

PRESCOTT NEWS

Tuesday, March 7

The Prescott Chapter, O. E. S., will hold initiation services Tuesday night at 7:30. There will be a potluck supper.

Due to the community choir practice on Monday night at 7 o'clock the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist church has been postponed until Tuesday evening when it will meet in the home of Mrs. Herbert Hawley at 7 o'clock.

Wednesday, March 8

The Prescott Musical Coterie will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. J. C. Stegar.

There will be a mid-week meeting at the First Christian church Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Homer Ward will be the leader.

Mid-week services at the First Baptist church are as follows: 7 p.m. teachers' meeting; 7:45 p.m. prayer meeting; 8:30 choir rehearsal. The nursery will be open for all services.

A mid-week Bible study will be held at the church of Christ Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 o'clock.

A song and prayer service will be held at the Central Baptist church, Wednesday evening from 7 to 8:30 o'clock.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Deacons of the First Presbyterian church will be held Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Thursday, March 9

The Parent Teachers Association will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:45 at the Park Elementary school. Mrs. Lucille Elgin will review the book, "Where Children Come First."

Mrs. Annie Lee Acker Honored by Kiwanians

The Kiwanis queen for the month of March is Mrs. Annie Lee Acker. She was honored guest at the club meeting last Thursday night for dinner at the Lawson hotel. Mr. Donnell Durham presented the orchid in token of appreciation to Mrs. Acker for services rendered to the club in their Womanless Wedding last month. Mrs. Acker wore a cream-colored formal dinner gown trimmed with gold sequins.

Joe T. Smith, program chairman, announced that the mixed choir of the Russellville Tech. college would sing here at the end of the month.

Budges for perfect attendance for the past year were presented Dallas Atkins, Jeff Livingston, and Joe T. Smith; a two-year pin was presented to Guss McCaskill, and a three year's pin to Sax Reagan.

The Rev. C. E. Wagner conducted a song service.

Mrs. George Wylie Has Bridge Party

Mrs. George Wylie entertained with an afternoon bridge party at her home on Thursday afternoon.

The rooms arranged for two tables of players were decorated with arrangements of jonquils.

High score honors were won by Mrs. J. T. Herrington. Guests included Mrs. Herrington, Mrs. J. Leland Lavender, Miss

Kathleen Woosley, Mrs. Thomas Dewoody, Mrs. Werner Hamilton, Mrs. Hubert Barksdale, Mrs. Ralph Haynie and Mrs. Dutchie Bright.

A dainty dessert course was served.

WCTU Has March Meeting

The March meeting of the W. T. C. U. was held on Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. H. Tompkins with Mrs. C. A. Wynn, Mrs. F. E. Murrah, Mrs. Vick Scott and Mrs. Martin Guthrie co-hostess. Spring flowers were used to decorate the rooms. An unusual arrangement of jonquils and bridal wreath graced the mantel.

The meeting opened with the song "This is My Father's World." The president, Mrs. D. S. Jordan, conducted the business. The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. Joe R. Hamilton, and approved. The treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Munn, gave a report.

Mrs. C. E. Wagner gave the devotional talk and led in prayer. Mrs. S. O. Logan presented excerpts from articles on the Langor Bill. Mrs. Jordan gave an interesting discussion from "The Black Book of Repeal."

Delicious refreshments carrying out the St. Patrick motif were served by the hostesses to the 22 members and a guest, Mrs. J. I. McClurkin of Morrilton.

Prescott Debate Teams Win Tournament Honors

Two debate teams of the Prescott High school debate club composed of Ann Hart and Ida Rae Hamilton, Rita Mae McCaskill and Jack Cooper accompanied by Speech director Bill Hickem and Mrs. Hickem attended the University of Arkansas Invitational Debate Tournament held in Fayetteville, where there were 25 schools represented in debate, and won the following honors:

Rita Mae McCaskill won first place in Radio speech; the debate team Rita Mae McCaskill and Jack Cooper won second place in the tournament; Jack Cooper was voted the best individual debater and won a 3 year scholarship at the University of Arkansas; Ida Rae Hamilton rated excellent in Oral interpretive reading; and the girls debate team Ann Hart and Ida Rae Hamilton had more points than any other women team in the tournament.

Miss Mary Lou Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Thomas, is one of the representatives of Hattcomb Hall on the Inter Hall Council for girls at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Miss Mattie Shackelford of Oklahoma has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gould Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLarty and son Mac of Hope were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Hesterly.

Mrs. Orin Ellsworth has returned from a motor trip to points of interest in Mexico. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Mose Smith of Ruston, La who have been her guests.

Judge and Mrs. Roscoe Conkling of Jefferson City, Mo. are the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Tompkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Holloway of Waterloo were Saturday visitors in Prescott.

Hoover Would Change U. S. Bookkeeping

Washington, March 7 —(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover today urged a vast and energetic reform in the government's bookkeeping system.

Hoover headed President Truman's bipartisan commission on reorganization of government departments. He was called to testify before the senate executive expenditures committee on a bill to overhaul accounting procedures and establish a new office of accountant general in the treasury department.

"There is a host of evidence that the (present) accounting system is inefficient and wasteful, fails to establish proper responsibility of officials and is unable to prevent the full picture to congress," Hoover said in a prepared statement.

He said there was no difference of opinion within the commission or among administration officials that reform is needed. He added, however, that there are differences as to the method of remedy.

A general accounting officer yesterday accused the Citizens committee for the Hoover report of "abysmal ignorance" about the government's accounting system.

Frank Weitzel, assistant comptroller general, also told the senate group that the citizens committee lacks a desire to learn about the system and the progress being made towards improving it.

He made these accusations after the expenditures committee heard from Dr. Robert L. Johnson, chairman of the citizens group, "after 28 years of poor accounting, it seems to be obvious that congress should step in and clean up the accounting mess once and for all."

The offices of the comptroller general, the budget director and the treasury secretary oppose the

proposed legislation. The three agencies now are working together in an effort to improve accounting procedures as they deem wise.

Weitzel said the results being achieved "are more than sufficient to justify continuance of the cooperative effort."

Hoover, however, said it was the view of the reorganization commission that "more steam and authority than an interdepartmental committee" is required to effect needed improvements.

Some humming birds weigh under two grams.

Two Held on Drug Charge at the Spa

Hot Springs, March 7 —(AP)—Two men docketed as George Nussbaum, 42, Atlantic City, N. J., and Ervin Jack Shapiro, 29, Santa Monica, Calif., were held to the federal grand jury on narcotics charges here yesterday.

The two were arrested last Friday after police seized 450 grains of heroin, a narcotic. They said the drug had been concealed in a candy box and mailed from New Orleans to "Jake Shap" at the hotel where Shapiro was staying.

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